

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

5 **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) ~~A computer~~ Computer software element, operating in an environment of a computer system having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, a mouse, a display screen, and a mouse pointer displayable on said display screen, said  
10 computer system operating in CAPS LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is activated, wherein said CAPS LOCK mode causes typed alphabetic characters to be presented on-screen in capital letters, comprising:
  - ~~(a) means to present a mouse pointer on a display screen of said computer, said mouse pointer indicating the position where mouse events will take place;~~
  - 15 ~~(a)(b)~~ means for said computer software to present said mouse pointer of one design when the mouse pointer position is over a region for user text input and said computer system is not in said CAPS LOCK mode; and
  - ~~(b)(e)~~ means for said computer software to present said mouse pointer of a second design when the mouse pointer position is over a region for user text input and  
20 said computer system is in said CAPS LOCK mode.
2. (currently amended) ~~A computer~~ Computer software element, as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer software element is an operating system.
3. (currently amended) ~~A computer~~ Computer software element, as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer software element is an application program.

4. (currently amended) ~~A-computer~~ Computer software-element, as recited in claim 1,  
wherein said computer software element is an add-in module.
5. (currently amended) ~~A-computer~~ Computer software-element, operating in an  
environment of a computer system having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, a  
5 mouse, a display screen, and a text insertion cursor displayable on said display screen  
and indicating the position where the next typed character will be presented, said  
computer system operating in CAPS LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is  
activated, wherein said CAPS LOCK mode causes typed alphabetic characters to be  
presented on-screen in capital letters, comprising:
- 10 ~~(a) means to present a text insertion cursor on a display screen of said computer,~~  
~~said text insertion cursor indicating the position where the next typed character~~  
~~will be presented;~~
- ~~(a)(b)~~ means for said computer software to present a-said text insertion cursor of  
one design when said computer system is not in said CAPS LOCK mode; and
- 15 ~~(b)(e)~~ means for said computer software to present a-said text insertion cursor of a  
second design when said computer system is in said CAPS LOCK mode.
6. (currently amended) ~~A-computer~~ Computer software-element, as recited in claim 5,  
wherein said computer software element is an operating system.
7. (currently amended) ~~A-computer~~ Computer software-element, as recited in claim 5,  
20 wherein said computer software element is an application program.
8. (currently amended) ~~A-computer~~ Computer software-element, as recited in claim 5,  
wherein said computer software element is an add-in module.
9. (currently amended) A method of operation of ~~a-computer software-element~~ in  
computer system having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, a mouse, a display

~~screen, and a mouse pointer displayable on said display screen, and having a display screen,~~ comprising the steps of:

- 5 (a) entering into CAPS LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is activated, said CAPS LOCK mode causing alphabetic characters associated with typed alphabetic character keys to be presented on-screen in capital letters;
- (b) presenting an on-screen mouse pointer of one design when said mouse pointer position is over a region for user text input and ~~for indicating the location on the computer's display screen where mouse events will take place when said computer system is~~ not in said CAPS LOCK mode; and
- 10 (c) presenting an on-screen mouse pointer of another design when said mouse pointer position is over a region for user text input and ~~for indicating the location on the computer's display screen where mouse events will take place when said computer system is~~ for indicating the location on the computer's display screen ~~where mouse events will take place when~~ in said CAPS LOCK mode.
- 15 10. (currently amended) A method of operation of ~~a computer software element in~~ computer system having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, a mouse, a display screen, and a text insertion cursor displayable on said display screen, and having a display screen, comprising the steps of:
- 20 (a) entering into CAPS LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is activated, said CAPS LOCK mode causing alphabetic characters associated with typed alphabetic character keys to be presented on-screen in capital letters;
- (b) presenting an on-screen text insertion cursor of one design when said computer system is not in said CAPS LOCK mode, said text insertion cursor indicating the position where the next typed character will be presented; and

- (c) presenting said on-screen text insertion cursor of another design when said computer system is in said CAPS LOCK mode.